

News Briefs

Power outages

A power outage is scheduled for 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The outage will affect the following building numbers: 926, 736, 704, 708, 712, 715, 450, 456, 457, 630, 640, 642, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 629, 820, 830, 836 and 847. For questions or more information, call Venson Shelton at Ext. 5360.

Education center relocation

The education center will temporarily relocate from Room 2 to Room 13 of Building 916 Thursday through May 25. All services will be available, except there will be no testing on May 17, May 19 and May 24. For more information, call Ext. 2562.

Soccer balls for Iraq

The YMCA Board of Directors and Amory Kiwanis Club are currently collecting new or used soccer balls to send to Iraq. Some troops have discovered the children there enjoy soccer. Donations may be dropped off at the fitness and sports center. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

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BLAZE TEAM members rally to support the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event.

DUI status

"Don't Drink and Drive"
Last DUI: March 25, 2005
Days since last DUI: 27
Unit: 37th Flying Training Squadron



Tech. Sgt. Whitney Beverly monitors the situation as David Miller trains Airman Katie Ellison in the airway position at the radar approach control facility Tuesday. The Columbus AFB RAPCON recently received the D. Ray Hardin ATC Facility of the Year award and was distinguished as the best air traffic control facility in the Air Force.

Base energy conservation efforts needed

During Fiscal Year 2005, all federal facilities are required to reduce their energy use per square foot by 30 percent against their FY85 base-lines per the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Executive Order 12902 and EO 13123.

Currently, Columbus AFB is at 7 percent energy reduction for the combined base and military family housing.

The energy use reports submitted to headquarters are based upon a rolling total for the last 12 months.

Columbus AFB's energy status is not based on energy use or conservation for one moment or month, but on the previous 12 months.

To improve the energy reduction, all BLAZE TEAM members are encouraged to take advantage of energy conservation opportunities immediately and continuously.

The base's industrial facilities are almost meeting the requirements. The base industrial reduction is currently 20 percent while family housing is -24 percent, meaning housing

residents are using 24 percent more energy than they did in FY85.

There are reports of numerous housing residents who have neglected to follow required thermostat settings provided in the military family housing brochure.

Temperatures have been noted as low as 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit during the summer and 80 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter.

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Brand new BLAZE TEAM



The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the newest graduates of the First Term Airman's Center. Picture are (from left to right): Airman Stephano Picchietti, 14th Security Forces Squadron, Airman Tommie Gonzales, 14th Medical Support Squadron, Airman Steven Justice, 14th SFS, Airman Timothy Faber, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, Airman Antjuan Hill, 14th CES, Airman 1st Class Amanda Given, 14th CES, and FTAC instructor Tech. Sgt. Brian Bailey.

ENERGY

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The following are ways to help reduce energy consumption through conservation:

- * Set thermostats to 76 degrees Fahrenheit during the cooling season and 68 degree Fahrenheit during the heating season.
- * Turn off heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems when not needed, such as nights and weekends or other unoccupied periods.
- * Ensure all outdoor lights are

turned off during daylight hours.

- * Turn off equipment and lights when not in use.
- * Keep doors and windows closed when HVAC systems are on.
- * Base housing occupants should rinse off the outside condenser coils with a low-pressure garden hose monthly during the cooling season. This will improve the performance of HVAC units.
- * Housing residents who notice equipment that appears to be malfunctioning or making unusual noises should submit a work order to the 14th

Civil Engineer Squadron.

- * Reduce domestic hot water temperature to 110 degrees Fahrenheit. Stagger hot water use times if necessary for adequate hot water.
- * When appropriate, use natural ventilation versus mechanical systems.
- * Housing residents who feel hot when the thermostat is programmed to the recommended temperature range should try using portable fans. Moving air feels five to 10 degrees cooler.

For more information about energy conservation, call Ext. 7955. (Courtesy of the 14th CES)

★ STAR BLAZERS

The 14th Flying Training Wing thanks Mr. Gierde and Ms. Hawks for their continuous support of the 14th Flying Training Wing mission and the BLAZE TEAM community. For their efforts, they were recently named **Columbus AFB Volunteers of the Year.**



Eugene Gierde



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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (06-01)	2.18 days	0.04 days	April 22	48th (05-08)	5.68 days	1.74 days	April 29	T-37	1,934	1,680	16,075
41st (06-02)	4.30 days	1.37 days	May 17	50th (05-08)	-3.03 days	-0.80 days	April 29	T-38C	588	870	8,322
								T-1A	810	740	7,396

Graduation speaker: Maj. Gen. Robert Elder Jr., Air War College commandant



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez
The 14th Medical Group laboratory staff is comprised of (from left to right) Senior Airman Meredith Carrick, Tech. Sgt. Ronald Walling, Capt. Daryl White, Tech. Sgt. Cory Santos and Senior Airman Shawna Ortiz.

14th MDG professionals saluted during Medical Laboratory Week

More than 280,000 medical laboratory professionals across the nation who perform and interpret laboratory tests that save lives and keep people healthy will be honored during National Medical Laboratory Week Sunday through April 30.

Lab technicians help to prevent disease by using state-of-the-art technology and instrumentation to detect unknown health problems. These men and women aid in the diagnosis and treatment of existing conditions by giving accurate, timely test results.

Laboratory test results comprise an estimated 70 percent of patients'

medical records, and they are vital to the diagnosis and treatment of illness and disease.

"We are proud of what we do," said Capt. Daryl White, 14th Medical Group laboratory officer. "We have to be painstakingly meticulous in performing our jobs to provide dependable answers to your physicians, flight surgeons and downtown physicians.

"The Columbus AFB laboratory was awarded Small Laboratory of 2004 for Air Education and Training Command — the best out of 11 Category II non-bedded facilities — because of the true commitment to detail and 'Service before

self' attitude of the entire laboratory staff," Captain White added.

To celebrate National Medical Laboratory Week, the 14th MDG lab will host an open house for anyone interested in laboratory medicine at 2 p.m. April 29 at the clinic laboratory. Games and light refreshments will be provided. All BLAZE TEAM members are invited to participate and show their support.

For more information, call the laboratory at Ext. 2124 or visit the American Society of Clinical Pathology's Web site at www.labweek.org. (Courtesy of the 14th Medical Support Squadron)

Legal office holds Law Day mock trial for CAFB youth

Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, has authorized the legal office to handle the prosecution of local military dependent Yum E. Pig at 3 p.m. May 6 in recognition of Law Day.

The hour-long hearing will take place in the Columbus AFB courtroom in the wing headquarters building and is open to all BLAZE TEAM members. The jury will be comprised of children from the Columbus AFB youth center.

Prosecutors believe they can win the upcoming court case, B. B. Wolf versus Yum E. Pig.

"We have extensive evidence to prove, beyond a doubt, that Yum E. Pig had all intentions to eat Mr. Wolf for dinner," said Maj. Jaime Sampayo, staff judge advocate.

The attorney for Mr. Pig, Capt. Deric Prescott, believes that his client will be found innocent of the charge.

"We intend to prove that since this little pig eats only roast beef, which he buys from the market, he had no motive to attempt to eat Mr. Wolf," commented a very confident Captain Prescott. (Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing Legal Office)

(Editor's note: In recognition of Law Day, the legal office is also sponsoring an essay contest for enlisted personnel grades E-1 through E-4 and area high school students in ninth through twelfth grades.

Entrants must type a 1,000- to 1,250-word essay on the subject, "The American Jury: We the People in Action."



Tech. Sgt. Moser
Staff Sgt. Roxanne "Gold E. Locks" Phillips is interviewed by "defense attorney" Capt. Deric Prescott in front of a jury of youth center children during the Law Day 2004 mock trial. The legal office will prosecute Yum E. Pig at 3 p.m. May 6 in the Columbus AFB courtroom in the wing headquarters building.

References can be made to the jury system, the Constitution, the U.S. Armed Forces or to personal experiences. Prizes include a \$250 savings bond, and lunch with the wing commander and the legal office staff.

All entries must be submitted to the legal office no later

than May 1. Entries must also include an application, which can be found in the 2005 Law Day brochure. To obtain a brochure, visit the wing headquarters building or contact a first sergeant; or to have an electronic version e-mailed, call the legal office at Ext. 7030.)

Nature Trails

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horseback ride along Columbus AFB's Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer directions to the beginning of the trails. Maps are available at outdoor recreation. For more information, call Sarah Fafinski at Ext. 7958.

Upgrades retrofit T-38 with latest technology

1st Lt. Brooke Davis
Air Force Flight Test Center

EDWARDS AFB, Calif. — Airmen from the 416th Flight Test Squadron wrapped up flight tests on software upgrades in an ongoing T-38 Talon avionics upgrade here recently.

The latest set of upgrades is the third in a series. During this series, testers performed about 18 sorties October through April, validating the new software, officials said.

Overall, the program is an integrated modernization of the T-38 cockpits to support mission-ready fighter training and converts older models to the newer C-model configuration, said 1st Lt. Lisa Gerlt, the 416th FTS program manager.

The upgrades provide a modern cockpit and navigation capability for training of bomber and fighter crews, she said.

"This process allowed corrections and improvements to be made on the system incrementally with the yearly block upgrades," she said.



U.S. Air Force photo
A T-38 Talon soars after taking off from the main runway at Edwards AFB, Calif. Airmen from the 416th Flight Test Squadron wrapped up flight tests on software upgrades in an ongoing avionics upgrade program recently.

This upgrade is a composite of coded instructions that are stored permanently in read-only memory and software. They include changes to the program's air vehicle production modification, new air-

crew training device deliveries and retrofits, air vehicle retrofits and upgrades to spares, said Tim Kang, a 416th FLTS project engineer.

The updated aircraft will possess more

air-to-ground combat training capabilities, Mr. Kang said. It also will improve mission planning, post-flight analysis and enhance uploading and downloading mission data.

Flight testing occurred in three phases: The first preliminary test included three flights flown in October, the second included five flights flown November through December, followed by 10 developmental testing and evaluation flights flown since February, officials said.

The preliminary test phases allowed testers to collect and deliver flight data for preliminary, developmental and operational assessments, Lieutenant Gerlt said.

The PT phases of each upgrade allowed the manufacturer to make adjustments, and working this way saved time and money, she said.

Once data collected from the last series of flights is analyzed, testers will pass the upgrades to testers at Randolph AFB, Texas, for operational test and evaluation.

Airmen disciplined for AFIM misuse

Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are taking a hard look at the misuse of the Air Force Instant Messenger service on Air Force Portal.

Airmen were found violating standards of conduct prompting officials to clarify responsible communication over the service.

"Air Force Portal users took offense to the inappropriate comments made by 11 individuals and reported the misuse to local helping agencies," said Maj. Anthony Sansano, Air Force military equal opportunity chief. "It's a readiness issue. Unprofessional communication is contrary to good order and discipline and counterproductive to mission accomplishment."

Of the 11 Airmen reported, six have received some form of administrative or disciplinary actions. One Airman received a letter of reprimand, an unfavorable information file and was removed from command on the basis of inappropriate dialogue in a chat room. Five Airmen received actions ranged from a verbal counseling to letters of reprimand, and five

others are still pending actions.

The growth of the instant messenger in civilian society has developed an "anything goes" culture where people may say and do things they would not do in person, said Maj. David Gindhart, Air Staff lead for the Air Force Portal.

"As with telephone calls or e-mail, the instant messaging and public and private chat rooms are subject to limitations and monitoring at all times," Major Gindhart said.

Also, users have a few ways to monitor and correct misuse on the messenger.

"Airmen are encouraged to deal with issues at the lowest possible level which can be as simple as (instant messaging) the individual and telling them to stop," Major Gindhart said. "Users also have the option of clicking the 'report misuse' button, which prompts them to identify the offending (individuals) and the type of inappropriate use. The report and the chat room transcript will be routed to the alleged offender's commander for action."

In addition, while the instant messenger supports informal dialogue, the Air Force military rank structure establishes expectations for responsibility and accountability.

AQS change

The Japanese Animal Quarantine Service has revised its procedures for importing pets, specifically dogs and cats. The new process is lengthy and planning is critical. For more information, call the traffic management flight at Ext. 2573 or visit www.maff-aqs.go.jp/english/ryoko/ba.htm.

STEPping Up

Tech. Sgt. Keith Houin

Command Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Bowes congratulates newly promoted Tech. Sgt. Henry Stephens, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, with the help of Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Thursday at the fire department. Sergeant Stephens was selected for early promotion under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program for his outstanding achievements in the Air Force.

ORI: More than just a test of flying operations

Lt. Col. Tom McClain
14th Flying Training Wing



The upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection will evaluate our ability to build warriors, leaders and professional military pilots for America.

As chief of wing inspections, I will tell you that the ORI will also evaluate the wing in two important areas — contingency response and wartime mission support.

A significant portion of the wing's personnel and material are allocated or dedicated to these essential capabilities.

Contingencies can be major accidents like an aircraft crash, a fire in base housing or a leak in the pipeline leading to the fuel farm.

Another contingency is a natural disaster;

the tornado that touched down in November 2002 is a perfect example.

Additionally, terrorist attacks, robberies, recalls and a number of other items fall under the heading of attack response.

In any category, the wing must adequately respond to a dynamic, "haven't-quite-seen-that-before" situation,

in which we may not have all the facts. An effective contingency response relies on a coordinated base effort.

During the contingency response, the wing will be evaluated in its ability to detect and report a situation. Then the base must execute an effective command and control system to respond, contain and secure the scene.

In addition, the wing must control information to the media, protect people,

inform higher headquarters, evaluate the force protection condition, evaluate or buy additional contract support, consider all legal issues and prevent an escalation of the situation.

The commander must then decide how to employ all on- and off-base capabilities and people, to include the specialized teams such as shelter management, personnel, mortuary affairs, bomb disposal, readiness support, hazardous material or contamination control.

Expected responders, such as medical, civil engineering, fire and security, are certainly critical to the wing's response. Every agency, service or squadron has a commitment to this effort.

Another significant wing commitment is our requirement to provide agile combat support capabilities — one of six Air Force core competencies — to combatant commanders.

The wing has more than 250 Unit

Type Codes. A UTC is a mix of a given quantity people and/or equipment required by a combatant commander, such as U.S. Central Command or U.S. Special Operations Command. That's a significant commitment of more than 500 personnel, including firefighters, security teams with weapons and dogs, command post personnel, postal workers and many others — nearly every specialty except for pilots.

Currently, we have 21 people deployed to combatant commanders in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and other contingencies; and the wing deployed 125 people in 2004.

This base has a proven record of outstanding ability to exceed standards, train personnel and deploy them to Areas of Responsibility while maintaining the highest standards in our primary mission. Let's continue to uphold that record.

Mutual support can help resolve recent challenges in AF

Lt. Col. Frank Rossi
50th Flying Training Squadron



Lately, a lot of Air Force leaders have been telling us that "mutual support" and "knowing who your wingman is" are the solutions to recent challenges ranging from rising suicide rates to driving under the influence offenses.

However, these terms may not mean much to people who don't have a lot of military flying experience. Given recent events, it seemed appropriate to share my thoughts on why those of us who grew up flying airplanes hold these ideas so dear to our hearts and think they have as much application off duty as when strapping in a jet.

Webster defines mutual as "directed and received in equal amount." The military defines support as "when one should aid, protect, complement or sustain another."

Mutual support is the foundation for flying in formation of two or more aircraft, where there is one flight lead and the other aircraft are wingmen.

The flight lead is responsible for his formation, getting them to the target and back safely while accomplishing assigned missions. A wingman's job is to be in position, look for threats, do what he's told and support the flight lead.

Straight Talk Line

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.

Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the BlazeWeb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.



WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN?

THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN LIFE THAT JUST WEREN'T MEANT TO BE HANDLED ALONE ...

IF YOU NEED A WINGMAN THE BASE CHAPLAIN, THE LIFE SKILLS COUNSELORS, AND THE PEOPLE AT 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433) ARE READY TO HELP.

ONE SUICIDE IS ONE TOO MANY

SUPPORT

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While flying F-16s in Japan, my squadron would practice "wounded duck exercises," where one aircraft in the formation pretended it had suffered battle damage, requiring it to limp slowly back to base. In a four-ship, the flight lead would direct two aircraft to sweep ahead for enemy fighters and have the third fly an "S" pattern over the "wounded duck" in case an enemy aircraft tried to attack.

Throughout military history there are countless examples of such mutual support and one of my favorites is known as "Pardo's Push."

Capt. Bob Pardo and his weapons system officer, 1st Lt. Steve Wayne, were part of a strike force of F-4s attacking steel mills near Hanoi, Vietnam. They took damage during their bombing run, but they could have made it to a tanker aircraft to get enough fuel to get home.

Their wingman's F-4, with Capt. Earl Aman and 1st Lt. Robert Houghton, wasn't as lucky and suffered extensive damage to its fuel tank. As the two aircraft left the target area, it became obvious that Captain Aman and Lieutenant Houghton would have to bail out over hostile territory.

But Captain Pardo refused to leave his wingman, and he used his F-4 to literally push his crippled wingman

Drunken driver Traffic deaths take emotional toll

Master Sgt. Kimberly Spencer
59th Medical Wing

LACKLAND AFB, Texas — I tell myself I won't cry this time.

It's been almost six years since my brother was locked up for vehicular manslaughter.

As I sit and wait for him to be released into the visiting area, I remind myself, I will be strong, I will not cry this time.

I'm thankful that he somehow survived the wreck he caused. I deal with the guilt that comes when I think of the mother and daughter in the other car who didn't.

For my mother and stepfather the emotional and financial tolls have been devastating. Although he is one of six children, he is my mother's only son.

For my sisters and me, it has been an emotional roller coaster. Some of us have forgiven him and support him to the best of our ability.

Others choose to pretend he no longer exists.

I try to visit him at least once a

month. The 12-hour drive gives me time to think.

I think about how this event has devastated so many lives; how that split-second decision, to get behind the wheel, has turned into a lifetime of pain.

In his intoxicated state, my brother never realized he had forgotten to put his lights on as he pulled out into the path of a car holding a family of five. They didn't see him until it was too late.

T.C. finally arrives and checks in with the guards. This is when I feel the happiest, finally getting to see my baby brother again. I hug him briefly as a meaty-looking guard frowns.

We sit across the table from one another and chat. We've learned to keep it light, talking about something interesting he has read, or

how work is going for me. I try to update him on family events without dwelling on the things he is missing too much.

Before I know it, the guard is giving us the five-minute warning. This is where it gets tough for me. I hug him hard, holding on despite another frown from the meaty guard.

"I think about how this event has devastated so many lives; how that split-second decision, to get behind the wheel, has turned into a lifetime of pain."

slowly I make my way back to the outside, through the stale air, past the clanking metal doors running on molasses.

As I exit the last door, I give up and let the tears fall.

Next time I will be strong, I tell myself. I won't cry — next time. I've got 54 years to see if I can do it.

we could be the one needing help.

My dad has a story from his Navy days that really shows mutual support in action off duty. While on liberty during the Korean War, someone slipped him a "Mickey" hoping to rob him or worse. Fortunately, my dad and his shipmates always went out in groups, and when a buddy saw him pass out, he simply threw my dad over his shoulder and took him back to their ship.

Lesson #1: U.S. Air Force aircraft never go "downtown" alone and neither should we. Even when at a restaurant, my wife makes my daughters go to the bathroom as a "two-ship."

Lesson #2: Formations need flight leads, and off duty this is the designated driver. Everybody else is a wingman.

The DD's mission is to make sure everybody has fun, gets home safely and lives to fight another day. Just as a flight lead would never leave a wingman over hostile territory and vice versa, DDs and their "formations" always stick together until everybody is back home.

Hopefully by now you've figured out that mutual support boils down to this: 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, all of us are part of one Air Force family responsible for looking out for one another. Sometimes it will involve extra effort and sacrifice, but the payoff is always well worth it and will one day likely be paid back in kind.

The Commissary Roadblock

Paige Swiney

Appreciation for military spouses rarely comes in print. To military spouses, this story is my gift to you. It's my recount of an experience I had in the commissary at Randolph AFB, Texas, three years ago, and it is an incredible reminder of the important role you play in America's freedom.

It was just another harried Wednesday afternoon trip to the commissary.

My husband was off teaching young men to fly. My daughters were going about their daily activities knowing I would return to them at the appointed time bearing, among other things, their favorite fruit snacks, frozen pizza and all the little extras that never had to be written down on a grocery list.

My grocery list, by the way, was in my 16-month old daughter's mouth, and I was lamenting the fact that the next four aisles of needed items would have to come from memory.

I was turning on to the hygiene/baby aisle while extracting the last of my list from my daughter's mouth when I nearly ran over an old man.

This man clearly had no appreciation for the fact that I had 45 minutes left to finish the grocery shopping, pick up my 4-year-old from tumbling class, and get to school where my 12-year-old and her carpool mates would be waiting. I knew men didn't belong in a commissary, and this old guy was no exception.

He stood in front of the soap selections staring blankly, as if he'd never had to choose a bar of soap in his life. I was ready to bark and order at him when I realized there was a tear on his face. Instantly, this grocery aisle roadblock was transformed into a human.

BLAZE TEAM burns midnight oil for cancer victims, survivors

Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez
14th Flying Training Wing

More than 50 people from Columbus AFB joined the local community to support the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event Friday and Saturday at Saunders Field in downtown Columbus.

Four different teams from the base contributed a total of \$4,400 to benefit the society's research and programs.

Participants from Columbus AFB took turns walking or running laps during the 12-hour event, and a handful of BLAZE TEAM members remained overnight.

Airman 1st Class Tess Kelley, 14th Comptroller Squadron, participated in the event for the first time this year.

"I chose to participate this year because I feel it is a worthwhile cause," she said. "You never know when someone dear to you may need an active and helpful support line. I believe that these types of fundraisers are important because they raise community awareness and help those who may not be able to help themselves."

The Columbus AFB 14th CPTS team placed fifth for most competitive team and received the Relay For Life spirit award for their participation

and positive attitudes throughout the night.

Cancer survivor Capt. Keith Vollenweider, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, found encouragement in the enthusiasm of the relay participants.

"It's great to see the Columbus community join together to help fight cancer in all its forms, and to support both victims and their families," he said. "I hope events like this will help remove the stigma of cancer as incurable and encourage people to make prevention part of their lifestyles."

In May 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon and avid runner, completed a 24-hour walk/run around a track in Tacoma, Wash., and raised \$27,000 to support the American Cancer Society. The following year, 220 people on 19 teams joined Dr. Klatt in this overnight event, and the American Cancer Society Relay For Life was born.

Almost 4,000 communities in the United States and eight foreign countries annually participate in Relay For Life.

The event reinforces a three-pronged motto: The hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, those who face cancer will be supported and one day, cancer will be eliminated. For more information about the society and its programs, visit www.cancer.org.



Top: Alison Skaggs prepares her husband, Airman 1st Class Shane Skaggs, to represent the 14th Comptroller Squadron Team in the Bag 'O' Beauty contest. Airman Skaggs appeared as "Raggedy Andy." Right: Phyllis Caudill shows off her Mardi Gras spirit for the 14th CPTS team, whose members chose the theme "Candles and Beads" to represent themselves at the Relay For Life event.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Alexis Lloyd
The Columbus AFB Chapel team takes a break from walking the track to smile for the camera.



Top: Airman 1st Class Charles Davis, 14th CPTS, earned second place for his team in the hoola hoop contest Friday night. Left: Senior Airman Evelyn Baxter leads the 14th Comptroller Squadron Team in a chant as they walk their first lap at Saunders Field Friday night. The team walked away with the Relay For Life spirit award for their participation and enthusiasm throughout the event.

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Movies

Today
“The Ring 2”
(PG-13, thematic elements, disturbing images, language, 107 min.)
Starring: Naomi Watts and Simon Baker.

Saturday
“Ice Princess”
(G, general audiences, 98 min.)
Starring: Michelle Trachtenberg and Joan Cusack.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.cafb.services.com.

Base Notes

Top-3 steak sale

The Columbus AFB Top-3 organization sponsors a steak sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29 at the community center. Cost is \$8 for an 8-ounce steak, baked potato, baked beans, roll and a beverage. All proceeds will benefit the Enlisted Heritage Foundation.

COSC social

The Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club board members host a southern belle bingo COSC social at 6:30 p.m. May 10 at the Columbus Club. Officers for the 2005-2006 will be elected. The menu is fried chicken, cost is \$10 per person and Columbus Club members receive a \$2 discount. New members are welcome. For reservations, call Cammy Cheater at 434-8915 by noon May 5.

Case lot sale

The commissary and base exchange will sponsor a case lot sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 6 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

MSU electronic classroom

Mississippi State University will offer BL 8112, a law ethics dispute resolution class, via the electronic classroom June 1 through Aug. 5. Classes will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in Classroom 11 of Building 916. For questions or more information, call the education center at Ext. 2562.

Commissioning opportunity

Enlisted Airman younger than 31 years old and with one to six years of

service in the Air Force are eligible to apply for the Scholarships for Outstanding Airmen to ROTC program.

SOAR is a wing commander-endorsed program, and gives squadron and group commanders the opportunity to nominate Airmen they feel would make outstanding Air Force officers.

Candidates are selected at the major command level, and Air Education and Training Command has seven slots available for Fiscal Year 2005.

Applications should be reviewed by the education center staff no later than Sept. 15; individuals that require waivers must have their packages reviewed no later than July 15. For more information, call Larry Brooks at Ext. 2562 or visit www.afots.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedCommissioning/FY05soar.htm.

Family Support Center

(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is from 1 to 2 p.m. every Wednesday.

Sponsorship training

A workshop designed for all unit introduction monitors is at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Training includes the importance of

effective sponsorship and resources available for both sponsors and newcomers.

Bundles of Joy

A workshop for active-duty Air Force spouses who are pregnant or have a child four months or younger is from 2 to 4 p.m. May 3. Speakers will provide information about finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. The Air Force Aid Society provides a gift package valued at more than \$50.

Resumes

A workshop about different types of resumes and how to write one effectively is from 9 to 10 a.m. May 4.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link spouse orientation is from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. May 9. Spouses will receive prizes and information on protocol, finances, benefits, helping agencies and local conditions. Registration is required by May 5.

Air Force Aid Society

The AFAS offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, car repairs and emergency travel. Call the family support center for more information.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant announcements

Sunday school classes will continue to be located in Building 1052. Classes are scheduled to resume in the chapel annex June 11.

Wednesday will be the last day for Pioneers Club.

A combined worship service will be held May 1; there will be no contempor

ary service at the community center. For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

Chapel yard sale

The base chapel sponsors a yard sale at 7 a.m. May 7. Donations for the sale may be dropped off at the chapel front office. The funds collected will benefit the new chapel kitchen and annex. For more information, call Senior Airman Manuel Avendano at Ext. 2500.

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:45 a.m. — CCD at Bldg. 1052*
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
9 a.m. — Sunday school at Bldg. 1052*
10:45 a.m. — Combined worship service in the chapel sanctuary
Tuesday:
11:30 a.m. — Lunch and Bible study
Wednesday:
6 p.m. — Bible study, Pioneer Clubs, teen ministries at Bldg. 1052
For information about other services, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500.

*The chapel annex is currently being renovated. All religious education activities are temporarily located in Building 1052, the former 14th Communications Squadron Radio Maintenance Facility on First Street.

Jewish Passover

The Jewish Passover begins at sundown Sunday and concludes May 1. For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

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AF club membership helps pay for college

Pam Wickham
14th Services Division

For the ninth consecutive year, Air Force club membership is helping members and their families combat the costs of higher education. Six individuals will be selected to receive a combined total of \$25,000 in scholarship money from the Air Force club membership scholarship program.

Interested applicants must write and submit an essay of 500 words or less on the topic, “My Hero and Why.” Columbus AFB can submit up to two entries, and the

application and essay deadline is July 15.

“An impartial committee will select the best two applications and essays,” said Brenda Freeman, Columbus Club manager.

Students must also provide a single-page summary of their long-term career and life goals, and previous accomplishments. The summary may include civic, athletic and academic awards and accomplishments. Both the summary and essay must be attached to the entry application. Applications are available at the Columbus Club and at the education center. Entries must include the club member’s name, last

ten digits of the club card holder’s membership account number, base, club name and the entrant’s full name with mailing address and phone number. If the entrant is someone other than the club member, his or her relationship to the member and social security number must be provided as well.

Six scholarships will be awarded. First prize is \$6,000, second is \$5,500, third is \$4,500, fourth is \$3,500, fifth is \$3,000 and sixth is \$2,500. These prizes are made possible through commercial sponsorship provided by Chase Bank and Mastercard. No

federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

Eligible applicants include current Air Force club members and family members who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall of 2005 term as a part-time or full-time student. Grandchildren who are dependents of club members may also be eligible. Student enrollment status may involve either undergraduate or graduate curriculum. For more information, call the club at Ext. 2490.

Services provides variety of leisure time activities

Reduced prices for new buffets: The Columbus Club offers a different lunch buffet Tuesday through Thursday. Cost is now \$5.95 for club members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Tuesday features Mexican cuisine, Wednesday is country-style cooking, Thursday has an Italian flare and Fridays offer a tri-continental selection of German, Asian and New England seafood. Call Ext. 2490.

Home decor and crafts classes: The skills development center offers a class on how to make a bamboo inlaid end table at 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Cost is \$20 and includes all supplies.

Adults can learn techniques on how to create decorative dishes in the paint-your-own-glass class at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. May 3. Cost is \$6, and participants must bring their own glassware such as vases, plates or cups. Registration is required by Thursday.

Youth can make Mother’s Day gifts at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. May 4. Cost is \$4 and includes all supplies. Registration is required by Friday. Call Ext. 7836.

Give parents a break: The child development and youth centers offer this program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 7. Registration is required by May 4. Call the youth center at

Ext. 2504 and the child development center at Ext. 2479.

Mothers’ Day buffet: The Columbus Club offers this special brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 8. Reservations are encouraged. Cost is \$12.95 for members and \$15.95 for nonmembers, \$6.50 for ages 6 to 12 and ages 5 and younger eat for free.

The menu is smoked quail, veal with marsala sauce, carved prime rib, stuffed shells, new roasted potatoes, julienne vegetables, broccoli and cheese casserole, fresh marinated vegetable medley, veggie tray, assorted cheese and cracker tray, fruit tray, smoked salmon canapes, garden salad with assorted dressings, omelet and waffle station, bacon, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, sausage gravy, buttermilk biscuits and assorted homemade desserts. Call Ext. 2490.

Rent the marquee: The community center is renting one side of its marquee for \$5 per day. People can wish spouses a happy anniversary, congratulate graduating students or publicize upcoming fundraisers. Call the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Beale Street Music Festival: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to this festival April 30 to May 1 in Memphis, Tenn. The festival features bands of rock, gospel, rhythm and blues, and alternative genres. Cost is \$135 per person for club members and \$150 per person for nonmembers. Cost includes transportation, and two nights lodging (double occupancy). Tickets to the music festival are sold separately. A \$50 deposit is required. Call Ext. 7861.

Summer vacations to Disney World, Universal Studios: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip to Orlando, Fla., June 7 through June 11. Cost is \$415 for one person, \$265 each for two people, \$215 each for three people and \$190 each for four people with the same lodging accommodations. Costs include four nights lodging, transportation and an Orlando shuttle service. Reduced price ticket packages are available at ITT. Call Ext. 7861.

Auto Hobby Shop closure: The Auto Hobby Shop will close for painting Tuesday and Wednesday and will reopen Thursday.

Chef's choice

Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Vu, Mongolian barbecue guest chef, makes recommendations on sauces to Staff Sgt. Thomas Gregory, his wife Tiffany and son Brenden. The Columbus Club offers a Mongolian barbecue from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Cost is 50 cents an ounce for meat and vegetables. Call Ext. 2490.

Nicole Mullen concert: This concert begins at 6:30 p.m. today at the Mississippi University for Women’s Rent Auditorium located at 1100 College St. in downtown Columbus. General admission tickets at \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets at \$5 for people with MUW student ID cards.

The concert will feature special guests George Huff, American Idol finalist, and MUW’s United Harmony Gospel Ministries. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For tickets or more information, call 241- 6974.

Legends of Rock ‘n’ Roll: The Mississippi University for Women Foundation sponsors the World Famous Legends of Rock ‘n’ Roll show at 7 p.m. Thursday at the MUW Whitfield Hall.Tickets for this musical tribute at \$10 each and may be purchased at the MUW Foundation office, located at Welty Hall, Room 200. For more information, call 329-7148.

Noon Tunes: Local artists will perform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Trotter Convention Center Courtyard in downtown Columbus. Call 328-6305.

Chuck Wagon Gang concert: The Chuck Wagon Gang of Fort Worth, Texas, will perform at 7 p.m. April 29 at the Trotter Convention Center. The “Gang” is the single best-selling recording Gospel group in history, having sold more than 36 million recordings in their lifetime. The event is a fund-raising program for the Tenn-Tom Chapter of the American Red Cross. Also featured will be the McAdams Quartet with Don McAdams as emcee. Tickets are \$15.00, and children 12 and under will be admitted free. For more information, call 328-5710.

Parent/Student Institute: The Mississippi University for Women Roger F. Wicker Center for Creative Learning hosts the Parent/Student Institute from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 30 in Room 120 of the campus’ Education and Human Sciences Building. Students in seventh through twelfth grades will receive information on college scholarships and career decisions. Former principal, Dr. Charles Beaman, will speak with parents in Pope Banquet Room on the second floor of the building. Free pizza will be provided for students and a free buffet lunch for parents. Registration is required by Tuesday. Call 241-6101.

Ballet recital: Ballet Columbus presents its ballet recital “The Visitor” at 6:30 p.m. April 30 at Mississippi University for Women’s Rent Auditorium. The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jennifer Colquitt at 328-2141.

Sears Portrait Studio special: Sears now has “View & Share” technology available at most portrait studios, allowing military families to share their portrait sessions with anyone who has internet access. In addition, military families will receive a 20-percent discount on all in-studio and online portrait orders, which can be combined with any additional advertised or in-store portrait offers. Members must simply have a valid military ID card. For more information, visit www.searsportrait.com/usa/.

Test taking tips: Hunt Intermediate School sponsors a parent workshop on test taking tips for the Mississippi Curriculum Test at 9 a.m. April 27. For more information, call 241-7160.

For more event listings, visit www.columbus-ms.org.

Shorts

Fitness center closure

The fitness and sports center will close Saturday due to a power outage. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Lady BLAZE softball

Females interested in playing intramural softball for the Lady BLAZE team can call Shera Ferrell at 434-6991 or Stephanie Clark at 574-7287 for more information.

Pitch, hit & run

The youth center sponsors a pitch, hit and run competition for ages 9 to 14 at 10 a.m. Saturday at the youth baseball field. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Fitness 101

An instructional fitness class about the fitness center’s cardiovascular and strength training equipment is from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the center. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Muscle Mania 2005

Muscle Mania, Columbus AFB’s annual bench press competition, is scheduled for May 14 at the fitness and sports center. The competition is open to all BLAZE TEAM members, but active-duty Air Force participants will receive the opportunity to compete at the major command-level at Little Rock, AFB, Ark., June 4. Male and female categories will be based on weight class, and weigh-ins begin at 9 a.m. the day of the competition. For more information or to register, stop by the fitness center or call Ext. 2772.

No-tap bowling tourney

This tournament begins at 6 p.m. May 20 at the bowling center. The entry fee is \$15 — \$5 for bowling and \$10 will contribute to the prize fund. For more information, call the bowling center at Ext. 2426.

Three-club golf tourney

This 18-stroke play tournament begins at 8 a.m. May 21 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Players are only allowed three clubs of their choice. To sign up, call the golf pro shop at Ext. 7932.

Aerobics classes

A variety of aerobics classes are available at the fitness center. On Mondays, spin classes are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.; on Tuesdays, a cardio combo class is at 9 a.m., strength and tone is at noon, Pilates is at 5 p.m. and cardio kick boxing is at 6 p.m.; on Wednesdays, spin classes are at 11 a.m and 5 p.m., step classes are at noon and a fit circuit class is at 6 p.m.; on Thursdays, cardio combo is at 9 a.m., strength and tone is at noon, Pilates is at 5 p.m. and cardio kickboxing is at 6 p.m.; and an 11 a.m. fit circuit class is available Fridays. Call Ext. 2772.

Female Airman tosses hat in boxing ring

Tech. Sgt. Steve Goetsch 90th Space Wing

F. E. WARREN AFB, Wyo. — Besides the issued M-9 or M-16, an installation entry controller here packs additional weapons like a left hook, upper cut and jab that would make even the boldest intruders stop in their tracks.

Senior Airman Celsa Reyes, with the boxing team here, is an up-and-coming boxer who, when not pulling guard duties for the 90th Security Forces Squadron, can be found in the gym or on the road running, sparring and training.

For this Los Angeles native, boxing started early, and it was a family affair.

“I started boxing when I was 13. My brother wanted to start boxing, and I did not want to get left behind,” Airman Reyes said.

She said her parents were not too keen on the idea of seeing their daughter in the ring.

“My dad is not really a fan of me boxing, and my mom thinks I am crazy,” she said.

Besides personal commitment to the sport, she said she gets inspiration from one of her heroes.

“I admire Julio Cesar Chavez,” Airman Reyes said. “He was a very talented boxer who left everything in the ring, and I admire that.”

Airman Reyes’ dedication and enthusiasm to “leave everything in the ring,” has garnered praise from her coach, 1st Lt. Rodney Ellison, of the



Elizabeth Davie

Senior Airman Celsa Reyes zeroes in on her opponent at the 2005 Armed Force Boxing Championships at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., recently.

319th Missile Squadron.

“I think her best attribute is her willingness to work hard,” he said. “There were many times when her schedule didn’t allow her to practice with the team, so she would set up practices on the weekends or during the day when she had to work night shift so she could still get her training in.”

Training is a tough mixture of ring time, running and lifting weights. There is also a lot of work on technique. Lieutenant Ellison said Airman Reyes had problems with some of her punches.

“She would throw her hook so wide that her opponent would see it com-

Tour de Cure

Josh Herman, 41st Flying Training Squadron, and Ryan Hardy, 14th Flying Training Wing, complete the 105th mile of the two-day “Tour de Cure” fundraiser Sunday. A team of three BLAZE TEAM members raised about \$2,500 for the American Diabetes Association and biked a total of 154 miles. The entire “Tour de Cure” event raised a total of more than \$100,000. Not pictured is Mark Orton, 37th FTS.



Danielle Walters

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

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John DeFillipo, Mississippi Museum of Natural Science naturalist, shows students from New Hope Elementary the turtles he brought to the Columbus AFB Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration April 15 at Freedom Park. More than 400 fourth graders from the Lowndes County school district attended the event.

Right: Susie Andrews, Weyerhaeuser, shows students how pulp is made into paper. The students visited 13 educational stations to help learn about the importance of Earth Day.



Environmental education



Left: Chuck Fiske, Veterans of Foreign War Post 4272, hands out Earth Day ball caps to fourth graders from Lowndes County schools. Earth Day provides knowledge and support so the world will have clean air and water, healthy fish and wildlife, and beautiful places to visit forever.



Columbus AFB Earth Day 10.7-mile Run & Family Volksmarch Saturday

All BLAZE TEAM members and their families are invited to participate in this Earth Day event. Volksmarchers will begin at 8 a.m. and runners will begin at 9 a.m. in front of the fitness and sports center Saturday. Water stations will be available at every two miles along the Perimeter Road course. Families are also invited to bring their dogs. For more information, call Ext. 7724.